

JOCKEY CLUB FAILS

To Make its Winter Running Meeting a Success and It

HAS COME TO A SUDDEN STOP.

Most of the Horses and Horsemen are Leaving the City, with the Carnegie Track their Destination—Failure to Secure Sufficient Pool room Patronage the Cause of the Meeting's wind-up.

The winter meeting of the Wheeling Jockey Club, which has been in progress for several weeks at the state fair grounds track, on the Island, has come to a sudden and rather unexpected conclusion, and the horses and horsemen are now getting out of town as fast as they can do so. Though there are some reputable people among them, there are many undesirable followers of the races whom Wheeling is not pained to lose.

The club was run by Fred Goldstrom, the Water street saloonist, associated with Mr. Waugh, a professional horseman. When the meeting began they expected to be able to serve at least twenty-five pool rooms in various parts of the country with the races, which would have assured a daily income of \$250, sufficient to pay all the expenses. They were able to secure only ten pool rooms, however, and as the patronage at the track was poor, the venture has been a losing one nearly every day races were run. Naturally, they were not anxious to continue such an unprofitable business, and the end came yesterday, no races being run in the afternoon.

Last night the horses, horsemen and "outs" were getting out of town as fast as they could provide themselves with transportation. The destination of most of the horses and horsemen is Carnegie, where a winter meeting is now being conducted. It is said an agreement has been entered into between the Wheeling Jockey Club and the club at Carnegie, by which all the horses will be run at the Carnegie meeting during the next thirty days, and that then the horses will be returned to Wheeling for a thirty days' meeting on the Island track. It was further said that the races were not attractive because the horses have been divided between Wheeling and Carnegie, and that a combination of interests would result in better racing and better patronage.

THE ATTACHMENT CASES.

All the attachments against horses owned by J. Underwood, who was formerly connected with the Wheeling Jockey Club, have been released, and the cases dismissed. In the suit of Mr. Goldstrom, Justice Fitzpatrick gave a judgment for \$30 for the defendant, Mr. Underwood. These actions were brought while Mr. Underwood was at his home in the east, and the disposition of the matter by the justice tends to substantiate Mr. Underwood's claim that all the matters would have been satisfactorily adjusted without legal proceedings if he had been in the city.

the R. A. Kennedy, and have rigs up for No. 3 Custer, and No. 1 Hecker. LeCompt & Bruner have rigs up for Nos. 1 and 2 Scott.

The Connors Valley Oil & Gas Company has rigs up on the Athletic club grounds, and the Fowler lot.

A. J. Wallace is drilling at 300 feet on the Amos farm.

Of the twenty-one wells drilling, not more than three will reach the sand this month. The remainder will come in about the same time in January. There are nineteen rigs up, and others building. There is still a shortage of rig lumber and there is much complaint heard on that account.

BEN HUR DELIGHTS

Another Audience Which Filled the Opera House Last Night—The Final Performance will be Given This Afternoon.

"Ben Hur," presented by society young people of the city under the auspices of the ladies of St. Matthew's P. E. church, attracted an audience last night that completely filled the Opera House, standing room being at a premium. It was a brilliant, audience, too.

The production was put on in good style, perhaps with even more smoothness and polish than characterized the opening night's performance. The audience was plainly delighted with the production, and this delight found frequent expression in enthusiastic applause. The reading of selections from the book by Mr. Robert Darrah during the course of the play was thoroughly enjoyed.

This afternoon the third and final performance will be given. It is a children's matinee, so-called, and admission to all parts of the house will be 50 cents, with no extra charge for reserved seats. It is assured the house will be packed.

AMUSEMENTS.

William Gillette has given us a versatile and accomplished stage star in "Too Much Johnson," but for cold-blooded and artistic falsehood the hero of that stirring farce is not in it for a moment with the drummer Jones in Broadhurst's "What Happened to Jones," which comes to the Opera House for New Year, Monday, January 2, matinee and night. One chapter from his experience is equal to several volumes of exciting adventure, and for purposes of narration it would be much easier to tell what didn't happen to him. Just about the time that everyone begins to wonder how the complications are going to be straightened out, the impudent fellow executes a few moral convolutions, and presto, he is forgiven. The company includes John Allison, E. Soldene Powell, Barney McDonough, Frank X. Hope, Philip Calvert, Charles Greene, Cora Williams, Louise Chase, Helen Harcourt, Eleanor Broadway, Katharine Weston and Maude Allison.

FOR THE MATINEE GIRL.

The matinee girl promises to be in her element next week when the King dramatic company appears at the Grand Opera House for a six days' engagement. The plays for the afternoon will be found just to her liking, Kirk Brown, the leading man, is an actor of decided merit. Miss Margaret Diddie is considered the most beautiful leading lady in repertoire. Goethe's immortal "Faust" commences the time

AFTER A DAM.

Captain Dovenor Working hard for a Provision in the

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

For Improvement of the Ohio River.

The War took some of the Engineers' Work, and the Plat is not yet Completed—Senator Hoar will Fight Ratification of the Peace Treaty.

The recent war with Spain has proven a factor in proposed river and harbor legislation, chiefly pertaining to the long-wished-for improvement of the Ohio. The war depleted the force of engineers making up the plat of the survey of the Ohio river, which was completed last year, but Congressman Dovenor hopes the plat will be ready for Congress next month.

Congressman Dovenor is one of the seventeen members of the important committee on rivers and harbors. This committee is now making up its bill of appropriations, and one of the things the First district's representative would like to see in the bill is an appropriation for the construction of a dam a short distance below Wheeling. He was instrumental in securing the survey two years ago, and he was given the promise that the engineers would have completed the plat by the end of this year.

Speaking to an Intelligencer reporter last night, Captain Dovenor said the plat's completion would require a long time, there being so many details of the river's depth, curves, the names of the owners of the farms, etc., along the river from Pittsburgh to Marietta, the length of the survey, and in view of the war having taken a number of the engineers from this work, he was afraid the plat wouldn't be ready as promised, by the end of this year.

The river and harbors appropriation bill will not be presented before the middle of January, and it is probable the plat will be completed in time for Congressman Dovenor to secure an appropriation for one dam, its location, of course, will be decided by the engineers' recommendation. And should his effort be successful in getting one dam started, the captain believes the government will continue the work until the necessary number to give slack water the year around is secured.

As to the peace treaty's treatment in the senate, Captain Dovenor had no doubts of its ratification, although some opposition would be shown by Senator Hoar. The captain, who will return to Washington January 4, didn't expect an extra session.

COLLEGE BOYS

Will Give an Evening of Music at the Carroll Club To-night.

Lovers of rollicking college glee will be afforded a treat at the Carroll Club auditorium this evening, at the concert to be given by the Wesleyan University Glee and Mandolin Clubs, of Connecticut. There are twenty-six students and their singing and playing are said to be equal to that of Harvard or Yale clubs.

THE RAILROADS.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Receivers Cowen and Murray, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, announced to-day that interest on the obligations of the company would be paid on January 1, as follows:

At the Mercantile Trust Company, New York, on the Baltimore & Ohio car trust bonds of July 1, 1896, \$102,000.

At the Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company, Baltimore, on receivers Pittsburgh & Connelleville certificates, \$15,250.

At the office of Speyer & Company, New York, on the Pittsburgh & Connelleville bonds due 1898, extended at 4 per cent, and not yet deposited under the plan of reorganization, total outstanding, \$115,000; interest, \$3,300.

At the treasurer's office, Baltimore, on Winchester & Potomac first mortgage, 6 per cent bonds, \$4,417 50.

At Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore, on Winchester & Potomac second mortgage, 5 per cent bonds, \$2,146 25.

At the treasurer's office, Baltimore, dividend on stock of Winchester & Strasburg railroad, \$1,492.

The receivers will also take up and redeem the principal of the following securities, or in accordance with the order of court, the principal of these securities may be extended in the hands of the present holders, payable at the option of the receivers or the court upon five days' notice by advertisement, the same bearing interest at five per cent per annum until the date of such notice.

At the Mercantile Trust Company, New York, Baltimore car trust bonds dated July 1, 1896, \$2,400,000.

At the Baltimore Trust & Guarantee Company, receivers Pittsburgh & Connelleville certificates, dated January 1, 1897, \$650,000.

RATES DECREASING.

For years the rates received by the railroads from both freight and passenger traffic have been decreasing. The Pennsylvania railroad a few years ago figured that the cost of moving a ton of freight one mile was one-fifth of a cent. Now certain classes of freight, such as coal, do not average some of the roads that much gross revenue, and yet there is said to be a profit in the business.

Making rates pay that are lower than the former actual cost of transportation has been accomplished by the use of heavier engines, larger cars and the hauling of much heavier train loads than formerly. It wasn't so many years ago that from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds was the capacity of cars, the latter figure being the maximum capacity. Now a car of 60,000 pounds capacity is an ordinary car, some being turned out of 100,000 pounds capacity. The increase in the capacity of cars, the size of engines and the train load hauled has necessitated the use of much heavier rails and the building of our own line and all other circumstances in connection with the passenger situation at this time, we are not in a position to find much fault.

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IN THE OIL FIELDS.

The Scio field is beginning to hum with new work. The appended list of wells drilling shows the extent of operations up to the present, but each day the number increases:

O. M. Russell, No. 1 Smith, 300 feet; No. 1, Blair, 300 feet, and rig up for No. 1, Davis.

Story & Thompson, No. 1, Fowler & Smith, No. 1, and Smith, rigs.

Meldret & Sons are drilling No. 1, Sergeant, at 200 feet; Stevenson, No. 1, is a rig, and No. 1, Butcher, is drilling at 200 feet; Downey & Morgan No. 1, Canaga & Stevenson, are drilling at 200 feet.

Fitzgibbons & Co. are drilling at 500 feet at No. 1, Ramsey, and have the rig for No. 1, Canaga.

Root & Co. have the rig up for No. 1, Delinger, and the Scio Oil and Gas Company has a rig up on the Favier and drilling No. 2, Donaldson, at 200 feet. The same company has a rig completed for a well on the Given Bros' farm.

John Long has a rig up on the Scott farm.

Russell & Son, Forsythe & Co., and the Ohio Oil Company are drilling three wells on the McLandborough farm.

The Allegheny company has drilling, or rigs up on Cook, C. Fowler, R. Fowler, Strayer, Lyle, Lutridge and Stearns farms.

Nichols & Hallings are drilling on the Knauft; Boyer & Caldwell are drilling on the Custer, Moore, Rogers and Mincks farms.

Wilson Bros. are drilling on the Poon & Farrell farm.

E. H. Jennings & Co. are drilling on

matinees Tuesday. The scenery and electrical effects are almost identically the same as given by the higher priced organizations presenting the play. Other matinee bills for the week are "Lost in London," "Carmen," "Monte Cristo" and "She." The engagement opens Monday matinee with a most elaborate production of "Hands Across the Sea."

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be the attraction at the Opera House next Saturday, matinee and evening. Says the Bangor (Me.) Whig: In the afternoon it was an audience which almost completely filled the theatre, and a large evening audience attended. The play was well given and very much pleased the audience. The specialties of song, dance, baton twirling, etc., and the good orchestra music added to the enjoyment of the performances.

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TAKE the children to see the dancing at the Ben Hur matinee this afternoon.

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MR. LEGGE PROMOTED.

J. F. Legge has been appointed terminal agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, at Washington, D. C., in charge of the passenger and freight stations, which will take effect January 1. Mr. Legge has been in the service of the company for many years, having been superintendent of the fourth and fifth divisions. He was in charge of the Washington terminals from 1884 to 1887.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

To Employees of the Wheeling Corrugating Company Last Night.

In keeping with a pleasing custom inaugurated four years ago, the Wheeling Corrugating Company last night tendered a complimentary banquet to its clerical force at the Windsor. The invitation list embraced many railroad freight agents, and no more congenial gathering ever graced the festal board. It was a delightful affair, continuing from 10 o'clock until after midnight.

The banquet was served in the Windsor's private dining room, and the tables were prettily decorated with flowers and tinted candelabra shades. President E. C. Ewing presided, and the guests, beginning with Mr. Ewing, sat, beginning at his right and continuing to his left, in the following order:

J. K. Davis, Fred Taffner, Sam Brown, Will Cook, Frank Harvey, R. Luke, Jr., H. H. Marsh, Guy C. Allen, Senator N. E. Whitaker, W. H. Manning, B. L. Wells, Mr. Tallent, R. P. Smith, Ralph Spears, W. H. Smith, George McCloskey, Waldo Carnahan, George Jefferson, William Johnson, Ed. Reed, C. Q. Porter, Arch. J. Moffat, J. E. Taussig, Alex. Glass, J. K. Boyd, William Baird, A. C. Whitaker, Frank Harris, A. J. Sweeney, Frank Hall, H. G. Ferguson, Loring Downs, Joseph Beuter, Fred H. Thiers, W. L. Ewing, of St. Louis; Frank Clohan, C. H. Cox, Harry Humphrey, H. H. Hornbrook, Louis Foster, James Quigg, Ralph Lawrence, E. C. Reppetto, S. P. Kennedy.

The menu discussed was as follows:

New York Counts.
Celery.
Terrapin, a la Victoria.
Salted Almonds.
Fillet of Salmon, a la Chambord.
Saratoga Chips.
Supreme of Chicken, a la Rothschild.
Asparagus, Hollandaise.
Broiled Quail, Maitre d'Hotel French Peas.
Benedictine Punch.
Young Turkey, Stuffed Cranberry Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes.
Shrimp Mayonnaise.
Assorted Cakes, Vanilla Ice Cream, Fruit.
Rougette Cheese.
Crackers.
Coffee.
Cigars.

The programme was made up of happy songs, songs and musical numbers, among the features being W. H. Manning's photograph's magical outbursts. In all respects the affair was the most successful of any given under these auspices.

The railroads present, and the roads represented were as follows: W. E. Taffner, C. B. & Q.; W. H. Marsh, B. & O.; S. P. Kennedy, M. & C. T.; Ralph Lawrence, W. & L. E.; C. H. Jackson, "Big Four"; F. H. Thiers, W. & L. E.; H. G. Ferguson, L. E. & W.; William Baird, P. C. & St. L.; J. E. Taussig, Wheeling Terminal; C. Q. Porter and A. Q. Tallent, C. & L. & W.; D. L. Wells, Erie railroad company.

A Minister Injured.

Rev. W. E. Allen, pastor of the Stone church, Elm Grove, was thrown from his buggy in a runaway accident at

Elm Grove yesterday afternoon, and sustained painful injuries. His buggy was badly wrecked.

Gaun's Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The island of Guam will probably be different from the other colonial possessions or dependencies of the United States in having a naval instead of a military governor. The reason is that the sole reason for the selection and acquisition of the island was to obtain a conveniently located naval station for our warships and that being the case, the navy should have exclusive control. The command will be of importance for the island has a population of more than 8,000 people, and so far from these being barbarians about 1,400 of them are of European extraction.

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